(b) what area of acquired land has been utilised during the last three years and for which purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT): (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Occupation of Gram Sabha Land in Mathura District of U.P.

3223. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some persons belonging to upper class have unauthorisedly occupied the land of Gram Sabha Bathaia Kalan Tehsil Chhata, District Mathura, U.P.:

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so in to get the land vacated:

(c) whether it is a fact that the said land was to be allotted to the weaker sections of the society but actually allotted to affluent persons;

(d) if so, whether any legal action has been initiated against the concerned authorities; and

(e) by when the matter would be settled and the deprived prsons will get their due?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT): (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) For vacation of Gram Sabha land, cases were filed under Section 122-B of the U.P. Zamindari Abolition & Land Reforms Act, 1950 in the Court of Tehsildar Chhata. Of the total 8 such cases, notices were withdrawn in respect of 3 of them and in the remaining 5 cases eviction orders were passed against which revision applications have been filled in the court of District Magistrate, Mathura.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. According to the information avaliable from the State Government, 47 persons belonging to upper class who were not eligible were given possession of land. Subsequently, after enquiry, a case has been filed in the counrt of District Magistrate, Mathura under the U.P. Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Act 1950 for cancellation of patta and action against the employees/officers found guilty in this regard is being taken as per rules. As soon as the Court decides the case, necessary further action would be taken as per the decision of the court.

Allocation of funds under IRDP and JRY to Arunachal Pradesh

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3224. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Central allocation of funds to Arunachal Pradesh under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during 1991, 1992 and 1993;

(b) whether Government have instituted any independent agency to evaluate the funds of IRDP and JRY; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) The Central allocation of funds to Arunachal Pradesh under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during 1991,1992 & 1993 are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	Central allocation Year		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
IRDP	234.00	208.00	343.00
JRY	264.54	258.01	258.01

(b) and (c) The above programmes are evaluated from time to time by the Ministry of Rural Development through reputed/independent Research. Institutions/organisations to assess the impact of these programmes Tne 4th round survey of Concurrent Evaluation of IRDP and 2nd round survey of JRY are in progress to evaluate in effectiveness of these programmes

Development programmes in Rural and Tribal areas under New Industrial Policy

3225. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development programmes started by the Union Government under the new Industrial Policy in the rural and tribal areas of the country in each state;

(a) the details of development programare being implemented;

(c) whether any machinery has been set up to ensure that people of rural and tribal areas actually get the benefits of these programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of such beneficiaries, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (e) No new programme for the Rural and Tribal Areas of the country have been started as an off-Shoot of the New Industrial Policy. However, for tribal and Rural areas, the programmes for income and employment generation are continuing for quite a long time. These include the Development of Khadi and Village Industries and special Employment Programme initiated by Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

Conversion of wasteland into arable land

3226. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the actual area of wastelands in the country, State-wise;

(b) the efforts so far made or proposed to be made by Government to make the wastelands arable, State-wise; and

(c) the details of research made in the direction of converting the wastelands into arable land to ensure higher production of foodgrains and other agriculture commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) The Department of Wastelands Development has commissioned National Wastelands Identification Project with the collaboration of the National Remote Sensing Agency. Under this Programme 228 districts in the country having more than 5 per cent of the geographical area as wastelands have been mapped. Precise information regarding the whole country is not available; however according to one estimate, the total extent of wastelands in the country is 129.57 million hectares. State-wise details of